

REMARKS

Claims 87-101 remain in the application for further prosecution.

Double Patenting

Claims 87-101 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,745,535 in view of copending Application No. 09/660,649.

To overcome this rejection of claims 87-101, a Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith related to U.S. Patent No. 6,745,535. Additionally, a Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith related to copending U.S. Application No. 09/666,649. These Terminal Disclaimers should not be construed as an admission to the merits of the obviousness-type double-patenting rejections pursuant to *Quad Environmental Technologies Corp. v. Union Sanitary District*, 946 F.2d 870 (Fed. Cir. 1991). Check Nos. 230294 and 230496 in the amount of \$130.00 each are enclosed to cover the fee for the Terminal Disclaimers as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d).

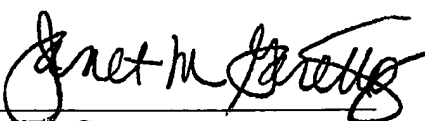
Conclusion

It is the Applicants' belief that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, and action towards that end is respectfully requested.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

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